

Path to Freedom

Arrive at the Madison Visitors Center. Meet your guide and begin an informative walking tour through Georgetown a vital link in the Underground Railroad (UGRR).

Free blacks settled in Madison as early as 1820 and began businesses, organized churches and schools. Tour the working class neighborhood that was home to many free African American families and prominent individuals involved in the UGRR. Considered the first stop on the UGRR before traveling on to the northwestern part of the county, Georgetown is a National Network to Freedom Site.

In just a short walk you can visit the historic AME Church (circa 1850) which was constructed by William J. Anderson an active participant in the UGRR. Nominated as a National Network to Freedom Site, this building is one of a rare group of nationally recognized pre-Civil war buildings associated with the city's early free African American community. **\$5.00 pp combined fee for Georgetown and AME.**

Grab a bite to eat at one of our many restaurants located in Historic Downtown Madison. \$6.00-10.00 pp.

Hop on your motor coach and set out to Hanover College to see a beautiful panoramic view of the Ohio River Valley.

Three black communities were very active in this area and they would help transport fugitive slaves across the river to south Hanover at night.

From Hanover College you will travel 10 miles northwest to Eleutherian College, an institution that believed in equal education for all, regardless of race or gender.

Eleutherian College, a gateway site on the National Network to Freedom, was actively involved with the UGRR. Teachers and students helped to hide fugitive slaves as well as educate them before they moved further north. **\$3.00 pp.**

Time to head back! Check into your hotel and enjoy a southern country meal at Clifty Falls State Park.

Menu includes southern fried chicken, greens, cornbread and more. After dinner gather round a bonfire for a little storytelling. **\$12.99 for dinner and bonfire.**